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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005 requires a reply by March 19, 2006. Applicants submitted an Amendment and Terminal Disclaimer via facsimile on February 13, 2006. An Advisory Action dated March 13, 2006 indicates that the Terminal Disclaimer was not approved as it was not signed by an attorney of record.

Attached hereto is a newly signed Terminal Disclaimer which should met all outstanding objections. A notice of allowance for all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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This response is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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